On January 18th of this year, President Obama issued Executive Order 13563 calling on every federal agency to review their regulations to ensure they "promote predictability and reduce uncertainty," "take into account benefits and costs," and "identify and use the best, most innovative, and least burdensome tools for achieving regulatory ends."

However, independent agencies are not subjected to the executive order, and to date, only one has voluntarily implemented the requirement. Congressman John Barrow (GA-12), Blue Dog Co-Chair for Policy, believes that overly burdensome and outdated regulations slow economic growth and impede job creation. That's why he joined with members of the Blue Dog Coalition leadership and sent letters to the heads of 12 major independent federal agencies requesting that they comply with the executive order and conduct an open and transparent regulatory review.

Click below for the full text of the letters.

Commodities Futures Trading Commission

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Federal Housing Finance Agency

Federal Reserve System

Federal Trade Commission

International Trade Commission

National Credit Union Administration

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Security Exchange Commission

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